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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63977

Masahiro SOMENO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/826,308

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No.: 4174

Examiner: Thierry L. PHAM

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For: METHODS FOR CREATING PRINTING DATA AND FOR TRANSFERRING  
PRINTING DATA

### RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two (2) distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects **Species I** shown in Figure 1 for examination on which claims 1-17 are readable. This election is made without traverse.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner fails to address claim 17. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 17 belongs to Species I, as depicted in Fig. 1.

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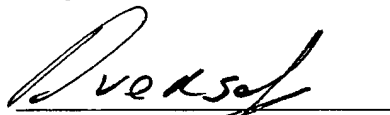
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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 18 and 19.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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